

# Crimes Reported in Cambridge

January 1 to September 30

Crime	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change 01-02
<b>Murder</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Inc.</b>
<b>Rape</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>N.C.</b>
Stranger	2	3	2	2	N.C.
Non-Stranger	8	6	8	8	N.C.
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>+8%</b>
Commercial	13	18	22	29	+31%
Street	108	112	103	106	+2%
<b>Agg. Assault</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>+2%</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>+20%</b>
Commercial	124	129	98	128	+31%
Residential	294	288	381	447	+17%
<b>Larceny</b>	<b>2084</b>	<b>2148</b>	<b>2109</b>	<b>2143</b>	<b>+2%</b>
Building	460	460	394	403	+3%
Fm. Motor Vehicle	533	504	538	561	+4%
Person	191	270	334	296	-11%
Bicycle	257	282	244	227	-7%
Shoplifting	290	271	342	349	+2%
Residence	169	168	122	158	+29%
MV Plate	110	119	75	76	+1%
Services	17	13	21	23	+10%
Misc.	57	61	39	50	+28%
<b>Auto Theft</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>-15%</b>
<b>Total Violent</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>+5%</b>
<b>Total Prop.</b>	<b>2790</b>	<b>2912</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>3064</b>	<b>+2%</b>
<b>Index Total</b>	<b>3184</b>	<b>3296</b>	<b>3357</b>	<b>3445</b>	<b>+3%</b>

## First Nine Months in Review

Over the first nine months of 2002, there have been eighty-eight additional index crimes reported in Cambridge when compared with the same time period last year. The increase from 3357 crimes between January and the end of September of 2001 to 3445 incidents this year translates into a 3% increase in serious crime. Violent crime increased 5% when compared with first nine months of 2001 and property crime rose 2% when contrasted with the first three quarters of last year.

The Crime Analysis Unit is projecting that for the sixth consecutive year that the Serious Crime Index in Cambridge will fall between 4350 and 4500 reported incidents at the close of 2002.

One of the more positive indicators to be identified over the summer months was the fact that housebreaks registered the first quarterly decline after six consecutive seasonal increases. Housebreaks, which had shot up 66% during the first quarter of 2002, and were recording a 44% incline after the first six months of the year, are now 20% above the 2001 total. However, there were 50 fewer breaks reported between July and September this year than in the summer of 2001 and the final count of 130 breaks is the lowest third quarter total in five years.

Seven of the twenty-nine commercial robberies registered over the first nine months of the year have been bank robberies. Bank robberies have been increasing not only Citywide but nationally in the post – September 11<sup>th</sup> environment.

A surge in larceny from motor vehicles in August appears to have been curtailed with the arrest of a career criminal in late September.

## January-September Crime, Past 5 Years

